

The Gospel of Mark Message Series

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on May 9, 2010

Mountain Movers – Mark 11:12-14/20-26

Big Idea: Faith in God empowers your prayer life in supernatural ways.

ICE BREAKERS

- What does it require for a person to get physically stronger?
- What does it require for a person to get spiritually stronger?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's the deal with the fig tree in verses 12-14?
- How do verses 23-24 speak to our lives?
- Why could it be that our prayers are not being answered even if praying in faith?
 - We don't best know our needs.
 - We don't know the timing of God.
 - Sin (Explore 1 Peter 3:7 for couples.)
 - Others? ...
- What is (are) the prerequisite(s) to prayer?
 - Humbleness
 - Faith
 - Persistence
 - Trust
- How are faith and prayer related? Explore James 1:5-7
- Where should your faith lie? (Faith in Faith or Faith in God?)
- What are the enemies of faith? (Doubt and Fear)
- What can you do to develop more faith?
 1. John 15:7 – Read the Bible. Increase your knowledge of God.
 2. Ask
 3. Be content with baby steps
 4. Place yourself under regular, consistent, doctrinal Biblical teaching and preaching

Application

- Identify some areas that you need to start exercising faith. Pray in faith, trusting God. Keep a journal of your prayers and how God answers in the next year.
- Commit to beginning one of the 4 things listed above in order to help you grow in faith.